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PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN
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AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Iligan City is geographically located in the Province of Lanao del Norte but administered independently from the province and part of the Region X. There is only one government hospital in Iligan, the Gregorio T. Lluh Memorial Hospital which is managed by the local government unit of Iligan City. Regrettably, the said hospital is not equipped with adequate medical facilities and services to cater all the needs of the people. The residents of Iligan City still have to endure the two-hour journey to Cagayan de Oro just to attain better medical services.

This bill which the undersigned also filed in the 18th Congress, aims to establish a district hospital in Iligan City to augment the lack of efficient, accessible and affordable health care in the City.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the direct control and
2 supervision of the Department of Health, a district hospital in Iligan City, to be known
3 as the Iligan City District Hospital.

4 **SEC. 2.** The Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and
5 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

6 **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of
7 the Department of Health the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Iligan
8 City District Hospital, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current
9 year's appropriations for the Department of Health. Thereafter, the amount necessary
10 for the capital outlay and the continued operation of the district hospital shall be
11 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

12 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
13 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,